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DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DRDO SHOOTS DOWN UNFEASIBLE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of defence projects being carried out by DRDO;

(b) whether the DRDO has decided to shoot down some unfeasible projects including DEAL as reported in Indian Express dated 18th May, 2001 and in Dainik Jagaran dated 24th July, 2001;

(c) if so, the details thereof and funds spent thereon so far and reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken by the Government to streamline the functioning of DRDO?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) The main projects currently being progressed by DRDO are Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), `Kaveri` Engine, Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP), Electronic Warfare Programmes (`Tempest` for the Air Force, `Samyukta` for the Army, `Sangraha` for the Navy), Remotely Piloted Vehicle `Nishant` and Multi-barrel Rocket System `Pinaka`.

(b) No project of DRDO has been shot down or suspended.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government constantly review working of its Departments including DRDO for streamlining their functioning.